Commission for higher education

†102. SHRI KESHUBHAI S. PATEL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to constitute any commission for getting better results in higher education;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any steps in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) There is a proposal to set up a National Commission on Higher Education for improvement of higher education including structural reforms in higher education, new and innovative ideas relating to standards of education, resolution of disputes if any between two or more regulatory bodies in regard to standards of education, measures for the coordinated growth and qualitative improvement in higher education. No consensus has been reached in regard to the need for setting up the Commission.

Central university status to Garhwal and Kumaon Universities

†103. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central university status have been given to the universities in all the States of the North-East, having special status; and

(b) if so, whether his Ministry is considering the proposal to give Central university status to the Garhwal and Kumaon universities of Uttarakhand, as these universities are also situated in a State having special status?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) Manipur University, Imphal, Tripura University, Agartala and Rajiv Gandhi University, Itanagar have recently been converted into central universities to ensure their accelerated development and to minimize the imbalance in the educational facilities available in the North Eastern region.

(b) There is no active proposal for conversion of Garhwal University or Kumaon University into a Central University. However, subject to finalisation of XIth Five Year Plan, it is proposed to establish one central university in each of the 16 states, including Uttarakhand, which do not have any central university.

Sexual abuse in Delhi University

104. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of sexual abuse by members of teaching fraternity in the University

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of Delhi and in the colleges affiliated to it that have come to notice and have been investigated or are being investigated by the Committees constituted for the purpose;

(b) whether it is a fact that action on the recommendations of the Committees is being delayed by the Vice Chancellor;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to issue suitable directions so as to ensure that no undue delays are caused in such cases; and

(d) the details of the recent cases disposed of or being investigated case-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) According to the information furnished by the University of Delhi, the Committees constituted by the University to look into the cases of alleged sexual harassment had received six complaints during the year 2006-07. The recommendations of all the Committees are placed before the Executive Council in terms of the statutory provisions. As on date, no report of any Committee is pending for consideration by the Executive Council.

(d) The details are given in the Statement.

Statement

Case	Complainant	Accused
St. Stephen's College	Students	Lecturer of the English Department
Dayal Singh College	Dr. Ruchi Gupta	Dr. R.K. Sinha
Punjabi Department, Delhi University	Students of Punjabi Department	Prof. Gurucharan Singh Arshi
Urdu Department, Delhi University	Dr. Najma Rehmani	Anonymous
Gandhi Bhawan, Delhi University	Dr. Anamika Sharma	Prof. Bidyut Chakraborty
Moti Lal Nehru College	Dr. Vidya Pradhan	Dr. Ramesh Chand Sharma
South Campus, Delhi University	Ms. Sushmita Nandi	Dr. Atul Razdan

Regional Language Centres

†105. SHRI SAMAN PATHAK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Regional Language Centres (RLC) set up for the development of recognized languages in the country;

(b) whether Government are considering to set up more new Regional Language Centres; and

(c) whether Government are having any proposal for setting up a branch of Regional Language Centre in Darjeeling, for the development of Nepali language?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL), Mysore has seven Regional Language Centres (RLCs) set up for the development of languages in the country.

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